

## NEWSPAPERS OF COUNTY TO RAISE SUBSCRIPTION RATE

ALL PAPERS OF COUNTY WILL  
BE \$1.50 AFTER NOVEMBER  
FIRST, 1916

The publishers of Ionia county met in Ionia last Friday afternoon to talk over various matters for the good of the work being done by them for their various communities. Every attendee at the meeting stated as the most serious phase of the publishing business the acute condition of the print paper market. The publishers also said that they were expecting to make an increase in subscription rate before the new year. A. J. Dann of Lake Odessa announced that he would charge \$1.50 for the Wave-Times after October 1. J. M. Langston of the Belding Banner made the same announcement, in regard to the Belding paper. A. L. Francis of the Portland Observer and Fred J. Mauren of the Portland Review stated that they would raise November 1, and Fred Kidd of the Ionia Sentinel stated that the new rate would apply on the Sentinel after November 1. E. D. Engemann of the Belding News stated that the subscription price of the News would be advanced November 1, and Editor Johnson of the Lowell Ledger advised that he would raise in the very near future. The Saranac Advertiser was the only one that was not in favor of the increase. He may not advance on November 1 as the others are doing.

In view of the fact that all other publishers are making the advance November 1 the Banner has deemed it advisable to accept new subscriptions only at one dollar until November 1. This will permit any who are not now taking the Banner to still get the benefit of the old price. At this rate we can accept new subscriptions for only one year.

Since Friday's meeting was conducive of so much good it was voted to hold a second meeting in Ionia October 20 to perfect a county organization. Fred J. Mauren, J. M. Langston and Fred Kidd were named a committee to draft by-laws and constitution for the organization.

## RICHARDSON SILK CO. ADDITION IS DELAYED

Shortage of bricklayers has held up the work on the big addition to the Richardson Silk company's plant. The sidewalks are now complete, however, up to the fourth floor. The second, third and fourth floors are laid and when the sidewalks for the fourth story are complete the building will soon be ready for the roof.

When the addition is complete it will be almost wholly fire-proof. The lower floor is of concrete. The window frames are steel and the walls are brick. The only inflammable part of the structure will be the upper floors and the doors.

## SELLING RESORT PIANOS GRINNELL BROTHERS ARE NOW SELLING RETURNED RESORT PIANOS AT A BIG REDUCTION IN PRICE. A SPECIAL SALE IS BEING HELD AT THE GREENVILLE BRANCH OF THE COMPANY. THOSE DESIRING TO PURCHASE A PIANO SHOULD READ THE BIG HALF PAGE ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRINNELL BROTHERS IN THE BANNER THIS WEEK. TURN TO IT NOW.

## MRS. CHAS. ANGEVINE DIED ON MONDAY

The death of Mrs. Emma Angevine, wife of Charles Angevine, occurred at their home Monday after an illness which confined her to the bed for about eight weeks. She was first taken sick six months ago and everything possible in the way of careful nursing and medical attendance was done for her up to the time when she passed peacefully away.

Mrs. Angevine was fifty-eight years old and was born in Grimby, England, and came to America when she was a girl. After her marriage to Mr. Angevine they lived for some time in Ewart, Mich., and came to Belding fourteen years ago, where they have since resided.

Mrs. Angevine was a most excellent woman and much loved and respected by all who knew her. Besides her husband she leaves to mourn their loss three daughters—Margie, Bessie and Mabel.

The funeral will be held at her late home at 2:30 o'clock p. m., Thursday, the Rev. Chas. M. Pease of the Church of Christ, will officiate. The burial will take place in River Ridge cemetery.

Mrs. Ellen Tripp and daughter, Marion, of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Swain of Saginaw are here to attend the funeral.

**Public Recital Friday**  
G. W. French & Son will feature the music played by the Victrola by giving a public concert at their show rooms in Belding next Friday afternoon and evening. Two concerts will be given, in which all the records of the month will be played. One will start at 2:30 and the other at 7:30. Mr. French welcomes all music lovers to the concert and to inspect his line of Victrolas and pianos. Read his announcement on the last page of the Banner.

**An Alarm Clock Display**  
M. L. Willoughby has a very nice display of alarm clocks in one of the windows of his jewelry store. He also has something of interest to say about them in his advertisement this week. Read it and you will derive some benefit.

**Outing Flannel Special**  
Lloyd's store is announcing a big mill end sale of outing flannels at substantial reductions. It will pay every housewife to read the advertisement this week for prices and kinds.

## OPENING DAY FOR LADIES' LITERARY CLUB

The Ladies' Literary Exchange club held their first meeting of the year with Mrs. Ellen Lapham and Mrs. Susie Reed on Thursday afternoon last, meeting with Mrs. Lapham at 2:30 o'clock. After a social hour of greetings the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Lola Lambertson, who gave a short but interesting introduction to the opening of the new year. Then followed a pleasing program of instrumental and vocal music. Mrs. Carrie T. Wilson, chairman of the program committee, gave a comprehensive review of the year's work as outlined in the club calendar.

The club then adjourned to the home of Mrs. Reid, where an appetizing lunch was served at small tables and a most social time enjoyed. The Misses Louise Lambertson, Margaret Wilbur, Lella Greenop, and Helen Lapham assisted in serving. Thus closed the first meeting of the new club year. The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. Lola Lambertson Thursday afternoon, October 12.

## COMMERCE BOARD LUNCHEON HELD— MANY DISCUSSIONS

STREET SPRINKLING AND  
FILTHY ALLEYS CLAIMED MEM-  
BERS ATTENTION

The Board of Commerce luncheon Tuesday noon was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the feed. Guy D. Weter had charge of the after meeting as chairman.

The question of street sprinkling was brought up for discussion. Much was said and ideas as to the best method of handling the problem were brought up. The matter was finally referred to a committee of three to work out and suggest a feasible plan. Mr. Weter, appointed Glenn Wortley, E. E. Fales and Orlo Morse.

No action was taken relative to the proposed celebration of the completion of the street paving.

Frank Hudson suggested that action should be taken relative to clean alleys and made a talk along the line of having the work placed with some one whose duty it would be to look after it in a systematic way. Discussion brought out the fact that some alleys were in a deplorable condition and the matter was referred to the mayor and city council to determine what action to take regarding it. In the discussion a clean-up day was proposed.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOT BALL TEAM BEING GROOMED

Members of the Belding High school foot ball team are being put through a series of hard skirmishes by Coach Reed, in preparation for a good season the coming few weeks. The team was organized Friday with Clarence Bailey as captain. Because of the graduation of last year's best players it is necessary to break some young timber for the positions. A likely bunch of boys came in from the rural districts this year and from them the management hopes to select a winning eleven.

The management is working out a schedule with all the dispatch possible and will soon have it ready for publication.

## REN BARKER GETS COM- PLIMENTARY LETTER

Ren Barker, who went to Chicago five or six weeks ago in the employ of the Hibbard, Spencer, Barlett company, writes home to his father, O. J. Barker, that he likes the place very much and thinks by the tone of the following letter which he received from the company that his work is satisfactory.

Chicago, September 28, 1916.  
Office of First Vice President:  
Mr. Ren Barker,  
Dear Sir:

Your work has been of such a nature that we extend to you an invitation to become a member of the Wednesday Evening Hardware school. The privilege of attending this school is given only to the most ambitious and energetic boys in our employ, who have a fair knowledge of hardware and wish to increase it.

Class begins at 5:30 and closes not later than 6:30. The first meeting will take place Wednesday, October 11th, in the close-out room, third floor.

The meetings consist of talks from buyers and manufacturers, instruction in writing up orders, the caring for and packing of samples, securing of credit statements, claim adjusting and selling and buying. There will also be stereotypical lectures illustrating the manufacture and use of various articles that we sell.

If you wish to take advantage of this invitation and become a member of the school, and will attend regularly, kindly reply to Mr. Russell, chairman of the committee in a formal, well-written letter.

Yours very truly,  
Frank Hibbard,  
First Vice President.

**Waists at Popular Prices**  
Ladies and girls will be interested in the famous waists now being shown at Lincoln's. A special brand of waists is being handled and at a popular price. Read Lincoln's announcement on waists and also the one regarding new fall suits and coats.

Get your Sunday dinner at Moore's restaurant—adv.

## EIGHTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY, MADE JOYOUS OCCASION

MRS. CAROLINE WEBSTER GIV-  
EN A PARTY IN HONOR OF  
HER ATTAINMENT

Mrs. Caroline M. Webster was made very happy Monday evening by a number of her long-time friends, who gathered at her home on Pleasant street to help her commemorate her eighty-second birthday. Mrs. Webster was eighty-two years of age Saturday but because of that day being a busy one in the grocery store for her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Van Wormer of Greenville, the celebration was withheld until Monday.

The home was tastefully decorated with cut flowers, and a delicious seven o'clock dinner was served. Among the guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Van Wormer, Margaret and Anna Royson, and Mrs. Slaght from Greenville; Mrs. E. R. Weter, Marjorie Orr and Mrs. F. D. Lincoln of this city.

Mrs. Webster received some nice presents from absent friends in Boston and Los Angeles, besides the ones given by the guests.

## SATISFACTION AWAITS ALL HUB CUSTOMERS

"It is and will always be, our policy to guarantee absolute satisfaction in all dealings with our customers," says Mr. A. D. Frisette of The Hub this week. In the Hub's announcement of the new fall showing in boys' and men's clothing for this week Mr. Frisette further says, "We stand ready at all times to exchange goods, or refund the money for any merchandise which has proven unsatisfactory. And we will bend every effort to secure merchandise that we can sell to our customers with complete satisfaction."

Many other things regarding the real up-to-date clothing and furnishings handled by the Hub are told in the big announcement of the store this week. Every man and boy should read it.

## OLD WAREHOUSE BEING DISMANTLED

The basket factory warehouse is being dismantled all but about fifty feet of the east end, that portion of it being left on account of the lot on which it was about to be moved not being large enough to take the full length of the building.

The removal of it will improve the appearance very much in that locality. It is to be erected on the north side of the street near the factory.

**Cook's Corners Ladies' Aid**  
The Ladies' Aid society of the Cook's Corners church met with Mrs. A. J. Blair on Friday afternoon. A goodly number were in attendance and a most social time enjoyed.

After the regular business meeting and an interesting program at the parsonage the company adjourned to the church where a short musical and literary program was enjoyed, followed by a most bountiful picnic supper in the church dining room. A number of the gentlemen came in to supper.

This society is evidently wide-awake and has done much to increase the interest and efficiency of the church at Cook's Corners, where Rev. A. J. Blair has been holding afternoon services for the past year.

## REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEETS

A meeting of the Ionia County Republican Campaign committee, which was called by Chairman K. R. Smith to meet in Ionia next Friday evening. The committee members will start with this banquet and the meeting which follows. It is expected that the whole membership of the committee will be assembled and a good time is assured.

## Foundry Soon Finished

Work on the new iron foundry is progressing nicely. It is expected that the building will be completed and the machinery placed and ready to begin operations within ten days. The building is one story high, built of concrete blocks and has a turret on the top near the blast furnace. This latter is to permit the filling of the furnace with metal.

The new industry looks good for a growing and prosperous addition to the city's activities.

## Free Methodist Church

The first session of the quarterly conference of the Ionia district for this conference year, will be held in the Free Methodist church in Belding, beginning Thursday, October 5, and holding over the eighth. Services will be held every day in the following order:

Thursday—Praying services, 7:30 p. m.

Friday—Praying services, 10:00 a. m., 2:00 p. m., and 7:30 p. m.

Saturday's services—Quarterly conference will convene in the church at 9:30 a. m. Preaching again at 2:30 p. m. also in the evening at 7:30.

Sunday's services—Quarterly love feast at 9:00 a. m.; morning worship at 10:30, with sermon by the district elder, J. W. Archer; evening worship at 7:30.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

J. Fred Iulig, Pastor.

**They Heard Roosevelt**  
Fred A. Washburn, Dr. J. F. Pinkham, Marion Case and Dr. Geo. F. Smith motored to Battle Creek last Saturday to mingle in the big crowd and attempt to hear Roosevelt. They heard him and saw him and are fully convinced that he is not a dead cock-in-the-pit by any means.

## GRANT MORSE TO DI- RECT DRY CAMPAIGN

Grant M. Morse of Portland is in charge of the office of the Ionia county "dry" committee, which has headquarters on the second floor of the Ionia State Savings bank building at Ionia, and will direct the campaign in this county. Mr. Morse is an organizer of ability, as has been shown in a number of campaigns, and the dry forces have shown good judgment in making their selection. Mr. Morse will spend most of his time in Ionia until the close of the campaign. A better selection could not have been made.



REV. W. E. DOTY  
Returned to Central M. E. Church  
for fourth year.

## REV. W. E. DOTY IS RETURNED HERE ANOTHER YEAR

When Bishop Theodore S. Henderson gave out the appointments Monday in Grand Rapids he closed one of the most successful and interesting meetings of the Michigan conference of the Methodist Episcopal church yet held in its history. The attendance was very large.

Traverse City was selected for the 1917 place of meeting at the Monday morning session of the conference. Jackson delegates were considering asking for the gathering, but withdrew in favor of Traverse City, and stated that they would make an attempt to secure the conference in 1918.

According to the report of the treasurer, Grand Rapids district led all other districts in the conference in benevolences during the past year with a total of \$25,393.

Just before the conference, which has been declared the most successful in history, adjourned Monday night, Bishop Henderson read the appointments of pastors, which were made by him and the cabinet, composed of the district superintendents.

On the Lansing district, Rev. W. H. Phelps was appointed superintendent. The many friends of Rev. W. E. Doty were pleased to see him returned to the Belding pastorate. Other appointments in this vicinity are: Berlin, E. W. Morse; Hubbardston, W. S. Phillips; Ionia, C. E. Hoag; Portland, R. S. McGreggor; Orleans, R. V. Bird-sall; Palo, D. C. Crawford; Orange, C. B. Hanson; Saftnac, John Bretz. Former pastor, O. J. Golden remains at Martin and G. W. Maxwell at Mason. Leon G. Forman was given an appointment at Oak Grove.

## To The People of Belding

The Banner is in receipt this week of an unsigned article addressed "To the People of Belding." The sentiment expressed is commendable and we would be pleased to print the article if the writer will call at the office and give his or her name. We do not care to attach the name to the article but ask the identification merely as a sign of good faith on the part of the writer. Articles submitted should always be signed. The name will be withheld upon request. We will be pleased to have the writer of the above named article call and identify it or at least send us a note claiming its preparation.

## Funeral of Lee Sisco

The funeral of Lee Sisco was held at the home of his sister, Mrs. Eli Hanks Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Sisco, who was fifty-four years old, died in the county hospital at Ionia, where he had been for several years, and his remains were brought here for burial in the old cemetery by Undertaker Ben Friedly. Rev. A. J. Blair officiated.

The deceased was a brother of Ed. Sisco, Mrs. Chas. Luce, Miss Margaret Sisco and Mrs. Eli Hanks.

## Leased His Feed Sheds

Orton Webster has leased his feed sheds to L. R. Bissell, but retains the junk department. Mr. Webster has been in the business about twenty years and during that time has made many improvements at his place.

During the past ten years he has paid considerable attention to buying junk of all kinds and has worked up a large and paying business in that time. He says the two jobs were getting a little more than he cared to handle.

**Savings Plans Explained**  
In the advertisement of the Peoples Savings bank this week is further data regarding the new savings plan the bank has inaugurated. Five plans are named and one of them is explained. Every man, woman and child should read the plans for the new savings club.

Mrs. Mary Boughey is spending a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. Minier.

## LOCAL NIMROD SLAYS TWO HARES WITH ONE SHOT

CHAS. MADDEN TELLS OF UN-  
USUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT  
WITH FIREARMS

With the hunting season just opened one of Belding's sportsmen brings in a remarkable story as to his success. During the early part of the week Chas. Madden in company with Postmaster W. F. Bricker, Wilford Bricker and Harry Fletcher, went on the first hunting expedition of the season.

When the dogs jumped a rabbit in the marsh the excited animal made a swoop for the open fields. As he turned and ran down a furrow Madden unloaded one barrel of his gun in that direction. The rabbit fell in its tracks and when Madden arrived at the place where the carcass lay he found two rabbits instead of one.

Charley had expected to circulate the story only among his neighbors and immediate friends, fearing a falling off in his reputation, but the truth leaked out and his fellow hunters vouch for the veracity of the story.

## Y. M. C. A. BOYS HAD A FINE HIKE

A party of ten Y. M. C. A. boys in charge of Francis L. Bailey, principal of the eighth grade, went on a canoe and hike a couple of miles up the river and camped out all night last Saturday. They took along cooking utensils and plenty of blankets, waxes and muskmelons. At night a big bonfire lighted up the camp and they used their upturned canoes to sleep under. It is supposed they were on the same grounds that the Indians in charge of old Chief Wabash nearly a hundred years ago used as a camping place.

The boys enjoyed the stunt very much. Besides Mr. Bailey, there were in the party Heber Blair, Geo. Skellenger, Edgar Parney, Virgil Hickox, Fuller Dorr, John Fuller, Kenneth Dries, Chas. Childs and Lee Maxwell.

## SHEPARD BROTHERS STAY IN TRAVERSE DIST.

Revs. Clarence M. Shepard and William Shepard returned from the conference in Grand Rapids Tuesday morning and were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shepard.

Clarence has been appointed to the Kingsley charge on the Grand Traverse district and William has been appointed to the position of traveling evangelist for the district. They have been holding pastorates at Irons and Boyne Falls and have been very successful in their work.

## Tennis Club Meeting

A meeting of the Belding Tennis and Racket club has been called to meet at Hotel Belding next Friday night. The purpose of the meeting is to complete the business of the season and lay tentative plans for launching the sport next spring. Every member of the club is urged to come out to the meeting.

## County Has More Weight

Brinton F. Hall, Frank R. Chase, G. F. Smith, Fred L. Warner and J. M. Langston were among the delegates attending the state republican convention at Saginaw last week. Ionia county had a full delegation of twenty-two delegates and the county was figured of some weight in the convention. In fact this county will have considerable more voice as part of the eighth district than could be exercised in the old allotment with Kent county in the fifth district.

## Baptist Church News

The missionary meeting in the Baptist church Monday evening was a great success. More than a hundred persons were present, who were well repaid in listening to the informing address of Dr. Huizinga.

The Grand River Baptist association is in session this week at Greenville. Delegates appointed by the church are Pastor W. A. Biss and Mrs. Biss, Mrs. W. A. Wilder, Mrs. S. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pond, Mrs. Demorest, Mrs. E. Kendall, Mrs. W. Kennedy, Mrs. E. Sarendorf, and Mrs. F. D. Harrison. The Sunday school is represented by Orlo Morse and Mrs. Loyer. A large number of young people attended the session on Tuesday evening.

Special meeting of teachers and committees at the close of the prayer meeting Thursday evening to further arrange the team work in connection with the Sunday school. Be sure and come.

The Matilda Smith Mission circle will meet on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Loyer on South Bridge street.

Parcel post party in the basement of the church Saturday, October 14. The pastor's Bible class will meet with Wm. Orser Monday evening, October 9.

## In Justice Spencer's Court

Justice Spencer's court was engaged in hearing the case of Allan Warner against Charles Raymer Tuesday. Warner, by his attorney, Fred L. Warner, claimed a balance due him on a contract for carpenter work of about \$30.00. Raymer had Frank Miller of Ionia for his attorney and he alleged that the contract price was \$100, which he had paid in full. Extra work figured in the deal according to the evidence and the jury composed of three—Walter Menkes, Charles Stout and Thos. Bracken, Jr., in their verdict allowed Warner the full amount of his claim and gave Mr. Raymer on offset of enough to bring the amount down to \$7.50 and costs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Minier returned from Palo on Sunday, where they had been spending a few days.

## BANK BURGLARS WERE AT SUNFIELD

The Sunfield State Savings bank, was broken into by burglars Friday night. The net haul amounted to \$272 in cash, postage stamps valued at \$939.50, and possibly a few private papers which it will be impossible for the robbers to convert to their own use, some safety deposit boxes having been tampered with.

Entrance was gained to the bank by means of a rear window, then the door of the vault was blown off by some explosive, believed to have been nitro-glycerine. Inside the vault the robbers were confronted by a modern steel safe and they seem to have realized that nothing could be accomplished by trying to open this. They picked up a tray on which the change is kept for use at the cashier's window during business hours and put the \$272 which it contained in their pockets. Postmaster Palmer had taken his surplus postage stamps to the bank, as the safe in the postoffice is less secure, and his invoice shows the robbers got nearly a thousand dollars' worth of these. A postoffice inspector will be detailed for the job of running down the crooks and Sheriff Storrs, of Charlotte, got busy on the case early Saturday morning.

## SOUTH BRIDGE STREET PAVING IS NOW COMPLETE

LAYING OF BRICK ON NORTH  
BRIDGE STREET BEGUN THIS  
WEDNESDAY NOON

The brick work on South Bridge street was completed this Wednesday noon. Concrete workers are following up the bricklayers by placing the approaches to the lots along the paved section. The concrete workers will complete their work on South Bridge street by Thursday evening.

South Bridge street will be opened for free traffic the entire length of the street to the Catholic church the latter part of next week. It may be kept closed until Saturday morning, October 14, but if good drying weather continues it will be opened at an earlier date. Thursday is as early a date as the authorities would consent to open the thoroughfare, however.

A gang of men started preparing the sand cushion for the brick on North Bridge street this Wednesday morning. This section of improvement is being started at Ellis avenue and the work will be pushed from that point to the railroad tracks. If good weather continues the whole job should be completed by the middle of the month.

## WYRICK WILL SING HERE OCTOBER 13

Manager W. P. Hetherington of the Belding Opera House is this week announcing the coming of Ambrose Wyrick to this city the evening of October 13. Mr. Wyrick will give one of his grand entertainments, which has captivated several previous Belding audiences. In the announcement of the Banner Mr. Hetherington gives a list of the special songs Mr. Wyrick will sing by request during the regular program. Requests are to be made by note. You should familiarize yourself with Wyrick's encore numbers and be prepared to request your favorite song. Be sure to read the announcement of Wyrick's coming.

## FRATERNALISTS LEAGUE MEETS THURSDAY NIGHT

President W. S. Lambertson of the Belding Fraternalists' Protective league has called a meeting of all members of the league and of the fraternal insurance companies of the city to be held in the city hall Thursday evening at 7:30. An able speaker from Grand Rapids is expected to explain the dangers awaiting fraternalists if they do not get out to the polls on November 7 and protect their rights as members of their organization.

On November 7 an amendment will be voted upon asking for the repeal of the Mobile bill. Fraternalists are urged to vote "yes" on the amendment and thus save themselves hundreds of dollars in dues to their members.

## BROTHERHOOD WILL HAVE OPENING MEETING

The opening meeting for the winter series of the Congregational brotherhood club of the Congregational church will be held on Wednesday evening, October 11.

A picnic supper will be served and all the members of the organization and the ladies of the church and society are invited.

Rev. St. Clair Parsons of Greenville has been engaged as the after dinner speaker and his well-known capabilities in that line will insure a most excellent intellectual feast.

The club was organized two years ago, has a membership of nearly one hundred, and it is hoped by the committee to see them all present at this first meeting.

## Hospital Rummage Sale

The board of lady managers of the city hospital is arranging to hold a rummage sale some time during the month of November. The date has not been definitely set, but will be announced later. Members of the board are urging all persons who have anything of value to contribute to the cause to save such articles when doing their fall house cleaning. At the time of holding the rummage sale contributions of fruit and vegetables to be used at the hospital will be asked.

## THIRD DISTRICT CONVENTION IS BEING HELD HERE

DELEGATES FROM ALL PARTS  
OF THE THIRD DISTRICT  
ARE IN ATTENDANCE

Approximately fifty delegates from several surrounding counties and cities arrived here Tuesday morning to attend the convention of the Third District of Michigan Christian Missionary society held in the Church of Christ Tuesday and Wednesday. A very interesting program is being carried out. Much enthusiasm is being shown and a lively interest is manifest in the work.

Besides the regular speakers who appear on the program State Evangelist J. S. Raum and Roy Simmons, who are holding meetings at Langston came Wednesday morning and took active parts in the convention. Also Dr. Royal J. Day, missionary to Africa for the Church of Christ, unexpectedly came to the convention.

A very interesting meeting embodying a discussion of various doctrinal subjects is anticipated this Wednesday evening. Rev. Pease is to be congratulated for bringing a convention of such far-reaching benefits to this city.

## STOCKHOLDERS B. B. & L. A. RECEIVE CHECKS

Series number forty-four of the Belding Building & Loan association stock matured October first in which series there were forty-five shares.

The owners of the shares were: Henry Friedly, 10; W. L. Cusser, 5; Donald Pilkinton, of Belding, 20; and L. A. Thiel of Chicago, 10, making a total of \$4,500 for which checks were drawn Monday to the several holders. These shares were subscribed for when the series was opened ten years ago and the investment at that time has proved very profitable and satisfactory to the stockholders.

## RECEIVED THEIR SEN- TENCE AT STANTON

Frank McGregor and Archie Fuller, recently of this city, who broke jail in Stanton two months ago by picking the lock with a shoe button, were sentenced to Ionia reformatory for six months to one year after McGregor had been convicted by a jury and Fuller had pleaded guilty.

## HARRY BARBER WAS INJURED ON RAILROAD

Harry Barber, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shippee, was injured while at work on the railroad near Owosso on Thursday of last week. He is in the employ of the Toledo and Ann Arbor road and had the misfortune to fall from a box car while switching cars. He sustained a broken arm, his left leg was injured, and besides a general shock to his system, his forehead was considerably bruised.

Harry, who went from here to his work only last week, is back again wearing bandages and his left arm in splints. He says he is lucky to have gotten out alive.

## PLEASED SUBSCRIBERS WRITE TO BANNER

Our big list of constant readers continue to tell of the satisfaction received from reading the Banner. We cannot begin to print the many letters we receive from time to time from our readers, but we are pleased to give you a portion of such letters as the following:

Morrison, Illinois,  
September 29, 1916.  
Messrs. Lapham and Langston,  
Dear Sirs:—Enclosed is money order to apply on my subscription to the Banner. I think possibly I am in arrears a little.

I have been a subscriber to the Banner for twenty-four